

Appl. No. 10/617,155
Amdt. dated August 25, 2004

REMARKS - General

By the above amendment, the applicant respectfully requests that claims 42-45 be canceled, and that new claims 46-49 be inserted, to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical objections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

New Claims 46-49.

New independent claim 46 and dependent claims 47-49 have been created that cover an electrically-propelled watercraft with multiple modes of operation including operating modes provided by a solar power means not anticipated by the prior art, including Davis.

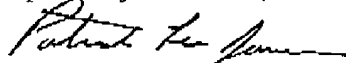
Conclusion

The applicant submits that the new claims 46-49, in addition to previously presented claims 21-41, all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action he respectfully solicits.

Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

The applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they define novel structure that is unobvious relative to the prior art. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. §2173.02 and §707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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